

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for preventing in-grown hair resulting from a shaving process, the method comprising:
  - 5 providing a cosmetic composition comprising:
    - (i) from about 0.1 to about 30% by weight of a neutralized salt of a non-hydroxy C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>40</sub> di-carboxylic acid;
    - (ii) from about 1 to about 99.9% by weight of a cosmetically acceptable carrier;
  - 10 applying the composition to an area of skin designated for shaving, the application being prior to, concurrent with or subsequent to removing hair by razor action.
2. The method according to claim 1 wherein the dicarboxylic acid is present as a half neutralized and a fully neutralized acid in a molar ratio ranging from about  
15 1000:1 to about 1:1000, respectively.
3. The method according to claim 2 wherein the molar ratio is about 2:1 to about 1:200.
4. The method according to claim 1 wherein the razor action occurs with an electric shaver.
- 20 5. The method according to claim 1 wherein the composition is provided as a mousse.

6. The method according to claim 1 wherein the composition is packaged in an aerosol or a mechanical pump package.
7. The method according to claim 1 wherein the salt is formed with a base selected from the group consisting of ammonia, alkaline salts of alkali metals or alkaline  
5 earth metal bases, amino acids and combinations thereof.
8. The method according to claim 1 wherein the salt is ammonium malonate.